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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL COMMENT ON PEACE PROCESS NEGATIVE

1. JULY 28 AKHBAR EMPHASIZES EGYPT WILL NOT BARGAIN ABOUT
LAND OR SOVEREIGNTY. "BEGIN'S POLICY" BLOCKS THE WAY TO
PEACE AND MAKES CONTINUED CONTACTS "WASTE OF TIME."
EDITORIAL ARGUES "IT NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO ACCEPT LOGIC
OF CONTINUING NEGOTIATIONS WHILE ISRAEL REFUSES TO ACCEPT
PRINCIPLE OF WITHDRAWAL." IT RESPONSIBILITY OF WORLD
AND AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION TO PERSUADE ISRAEL CHANGE
STAND.

2. GUMHURIYYA SAYS RETURN OF ISRAELI MILITARY GROUP
RESULT OF BEGIN'S "STUBBORN INSISTANCE" KEEP TERRITORY IN
ADDITION TO SECURITY GUARANTEES. CONTINUATION THIS
POLICY WILL LEAD TO LOSS OF PEACE CHANCES. BEGIN TRYING
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TO GAIN TIME; EXPULSION OF MILITARY GROUP WARNING GAME
WILL NOT CONTINUE FOR LONG.

3. SEPARATELY, GUMHURIYYA BOARD CHAIRMAN AND EDITOR-
IN-CHIEF MOHSEN MOHAMED SAYS EGYPT "STOPPED YESTERDAY
NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL" IN RECOGNITION GOI WANTS
NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PROGRESS. EGYPT WILL NOT ACCEPT

UNILATERAL SETTLEMENT NOR WILL IT BETRAY PALESTINIANS.
SOMEWHAT OMINOUSLY, MOHAMED WARNS EGYPT STILL HAS ITS
ARMY. U.S. MUST "LAUNCH ITS INITIATIVE...DEFINE THE
POINTS OF PEACE...OR TAKE SPECIFIC STEPS" OR DOOR TO PEACE
MAY BE CLOSED. U.S. IN POSITION TO PRESSURE ISRAEL AND
MUST DO SO. U.S. MUST FULFILL ITS COMMITMENTS.
RE SOVIET UNION, MOHAMED ASKS "NOW THAT WE HAVE STOPPED
NEGOTIATIONS" WHERE IS SOVIET POLITICAL AND MILITARY
SUPPORT. ELTS

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